

Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Board of Supervisors' Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Chairman Tyrone Fittje called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. Also in attendance were Richard Hallingstad – Treasurer, Kelly Burch – Supervisor, Andy Anderson, John Bentley – Vice Chairman, Tim Schroeder – NRCS, Adam Wyant – NRCS, Shantel King – NRCS, and Lisa Ogden – NCCD.

1. Announcements –

- Tim Schroeder introduced Adam Wyant, the new District Conservationist.

2. Minutes –

- Chairman Fittje called for discussion regarding the meeting minutes for January 11, 2011. Hearing none, a motion was made by Kelly Burch and seconded by Richard Hallingstad to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Unapproved Vouchers/Status of Funds –

- Lisa Ogden presented and discussed the Unapproved Voucher List, discussing each expense. Motion was made by Richard Hallingstad and seconded by John Bentley to pay the vouchers as presented. Motion passed. Status of Funds was discussed and bank balances were reviewed with the bank statements present.

4. District Conservationist Update -

- Tim Schroeder, acting District Conservationist, discussed the NRCS budget and pending cuts. It was discussed that the local work groups will be meeting earlier in the year. Agreements to date for EQIP for Natrona County are as follows: 3 Irrigation Agreements for \$143,833, 3 Range Applications for \$146,907, and 1 Sage Grouse Initiative for \$254,278.

5. Grants Update –

- Lisa Ogden discussed the current grants:
 - i.* Water Quality Grant thru Dept of Ag/WACD – NCCD received the contract for the grant that needs signed and returned.
 - ii.* 319 Grant Potential Projects – Discussion will take place with NC Weed & Pest regarding partnering on the riparian restoration through the available 319 grants. Lisa will continue coordinating with RESPEC regarding the progress of the TMDL.

6. District Manager Update –

- Lisa Ogden discussed the following information:
 - i.* Tree Orders - There have been 1597 trees sold to date. There are many varieties sold out, but still plenty of selection.
 - ii.* The Rural Living Meeting was held in conjunction with UW Ag Extension, RC&D, NC Weed & Pest, and Wyoming State Forestry to discuss the schedule for Rural Living Workshops this spring. A workshop schedule will be forthcoming.

- iii.* WACD Employee Certification Training is in Cheyenne on February 22-24, 2011. If the weather is acceptable, Ms. Ogden would like to attend. The board discussed this and it was decided that attendance would be beneficial.
- iv.* WCDEA Employee Training covering QuickBooks and the SuiteWater Program will be March 29th-31st in Lander. Ms. Ogden will look into whether Department of Agriculture Lab Funds would cover the cost of the training. The topic will be brought up again at the next board meeting for a decision as to whether or not to attend.
- v.* The Home Show March 18, 19 & 20th. During the next board meeting, a sign up sheet will be presented for board members to assist with the booth at the Home Show.
- vi.* The request for appointment for Andy Anderson was sent to the Department of Agriculture and WACD for approval. The Department of Agriculture's next board meeting will be in mid-February, so we should get the approval soon after.

7. Old Business

- The year to date budget was reviewed by the board.
- The Wyoming FFA request for funding for their learning program for the school districts is no longer necessary. A donor to FFA supplied all the funds that were needed.
- The board discussed hosting WyRED (Wyoming Rural Education Days) June 20th – 24th. It was discussed to find donors to assist with the costs of the camp. The registration fees will cover the majority of the costs depending upon the lodging arrangements. John Bentley moved that we host the camp, with Kelly Burch seconding the motion. Motion carried.

8. New Business

- Board Members attended the webinar with Wyoming Department of Agriculture titled Sub-Divisions.
- Kelly Burch discussed the FFA Annual Dinner & Speaker on April 28th, 2011. The speaker is going to be Amanda Knowles. It was requested that NCCD donate \$500 toward the speaker. After some discussion, Richard Hallingstad moved and Kelly Burch seconded that NCCD pay \$500 to FFA for the speaker. Motion passed.
- Upcoming opportunities were presented:
 - i.* WACD Employee Certification Training – February 22-24, Cheyenne
 - ii.* WCDEA Employee Training – March 29th – 31st, Lander
 - iii.* Module II Water Quality Training – April 20th – 22nd, Lander
 - iv.* FFA Annual Dinner & Speaker – April 28th

9. The next NCCD Board Meeting will be March 15th, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Fittje called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Burch moved and Richard Hallingstad seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.